

APPROVED: Meeting No. 41-87

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 21-87

May 4, 1987

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, May 4, 1987, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Steven Van Grack

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman James Coyle

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Richard V. Robinson; Senior Budget Analyst Ellen Elow-Mintz.

Re: Budget Worksession

Robert Goodin, Director of Public Works; Jared Stout, Chief of Police; and City Manager Richard Robinson provided an overview of their respective budgets.

PUBLIC WORKS

Refuse Collection: The Mayor and Council made no changes. Members asked for additional information on the City's newspaper recycling program, with Councilman Abrams suggesting that twine be distributed to households for use in bundling newspapers. Councilman Duncan stated his opposition to the City owning a resource recovery plant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Staffing Levels: The Mayor and Council asked that the seven additional officers included in the proposed budget be removed. Authority was given to fill the two overhire positions already in the budget. Staffing levels would be reviewed again at mid-year. This would give the Montgomery County Police Department a chance to assign the additional officers approved for the FY 1988 Budget and the City's Police Department a chance to reach a full staffing level.

Shifting from a four beat patrol pattern to a three beat patrol pattern was discussed, but no decision was made. Information on the managerial implications of a three beat patrol was requested by Councilman Abrams.

Councilman Abrams asked that an additional officer be included in the budget to work with the Montgomery County Boys and Girls Club.

Communications with Montgomery County Officers on Duty: Staff was asked to provide information on the cost for the City to install scanners so that Montgomery County officers can monitor our calls for service. It was determined that the cost is \$150.00 per unit and that 28 units would be needed.

Management Issues: No changes were made by the Mayor and Council. Staff was asked to provide an analysis of those administrative/management problems identified in the PERF Report (Police Executive Research Forum) and to identify ways to correct the problems.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Clerk's Office: No changes were made by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Van Grack asked if staffing for the office is adequate. Changes in the responsibilities of the office due to the change in reporting was also discussed.

Public Information Office: The Mayor and Council supported one full time employee for a business liasion function, however, did not support the public relations specialist position. Funding for a fuller public relations program is to remain in

the budget as a contingency item, to be spent only upon approval of the Mayor and Council.

Management and Budget: The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Human Resources: The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. to convene again in work session on May 6, 1987, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.